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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue
Implementation and Administration of California
Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Rulemaking 11-05-005
(Filed May 5, 2011)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5¹ provides that ratesetting proceedings shall be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued, unless the scoping memo sets a later date. The Commission may also, upon making a written determination that the deadline cannot be met, including findings as to the reason, issue an order extending the deadline.

The Third Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner (January 13, 2014) (Third Amended Scoping Memo) set a deadline of January 31, 2015 for the conclusion of the proceeding. This decision extends the deadline, as allowed by § 1701.5(a), to April 1, 2015.

Discussion

As set out in the Third Amended Scoping Memo, this proceeding has a variety of tasks with respect to the continued implementation of the renewables portfolio standard program. A number of these tasks have been completed.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all further references to sections refer to the Public Utilities Code.

Some tasks are still outstanding. In particular, the parties are in the process of providing comments on the Staff Proposal attached to the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling (1) Issuing an Energy Division Proposal on the Renewables Portfolio Standards Calculator, (2) Entering the Proposal into the Record, and (3) Setting a Comment and Workshop Schedule (October 10, 2014). It would be advantageous to continue to have this proceeding open to complete the filing of comments and reply comments; allow Energy Division Staff to hold a Workshop; and allow consideration of the parties' comments on the Staff Proposal.

Waiver of Comments

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. We waive the period for public review and comment pursuant to this rule.

Assignment of Proceeding

Carla A. Peterman is the assigned Commissioner and Regina DeAngelis and Anne E. Simon are the assigned Administrative Law Judges in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The Third Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner set a date of January 31, 2015 for the resolution of this proceeding.
2. Parties are now in the process of filing comments and reply comments on the Staff Proposal attached to the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling (1) Issuing an Energy Division Proposal on the Renewables Portfolio Standards Calculator, (2) Entering the Proposal into the Record, and (3) Setting a Comment and Workshop Schedule (October 10, 2014).

3. A Workshop led by Energy Division Staff to discuss the Staff Proposal has been scheduled.

Conclusions of Law

1. The statutory deadline imposed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) and modified by the Third Amended Scoping Memo should be extended by an additional 60 days.

2. In accordance with Rule 14.6(c)(4), the comment period is waived.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for resolving this proceeding is extended to April 1, 2015.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.